

Curriculum Overview

Spring 1 2024

Palm Tree Class

Happy new year!

The children have settled back into school nicely and are already showing great enthusiasm in their spring term learning!

This term, we are celebrating afro hair throughout our curriculum. We have introduced our new topic: ' Welcome to the Barbershop'.

The children will have the opportunity to learn new science skills and become historians.

Reading every day is crucial for children's development and learning, we hope this continues at home on a daily basis.

As always, your support at home is appreciated – thank you. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,
Miss Barrett



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Important information:

- Please ensure all your children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name.
- Please consider booking non-emergency appointments out of school time to avoid missed learning.

Key dates

A calendar of key dates for Spring 1 2024, presented in a grid format with green and yellow background elements. Each date entry includes the day of the week, the date, and a brief description of the event or activity. Small coffee cup icons are used as decorative elements for several entries.

Tuesday January 9th School starts for all children from 8:45am	Wednesday January 17th Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping my child with Reading (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Fridays January 19th & 26th February 2nd & 9th Family Coaching Service: Managing Anger Workshops 4 week course 9:00-10:30am <small>Limited places - link to follow for sign up</small>	Thursday January 25th Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Supporting learning music at home
Wednesday January 31st Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping your child with Arithmetic (for Year 1, 2 & 3)	Thursday February 1st Hackney Schools Choir performance at Hackney Church - Times to follow.
Wednesday February 7th Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am SaLT Support (Speech and Language team) Language focus with Katherine	Friday February 9th Last day of Spring Term Part 1 - Half term break ends for all children at 3:30pm .
Tuesday February 20th Spring term part 2 starts for all children from 8:45am .	Wednesday February 21st Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping you child with Arithmetic (for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Wednesday - Friday February 28th - March 1st Final Ufton Court trip (3) for Year 4 children. Depart 8:00am 28/2/24	Wednesday March 6th Coffee Morning for parents and carers 8:45am Helping at home with spelling (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Thursday March 7th World Book Day <small>More information to follow</small>	Tuesday & Wednesday March 19th & 20th Children's Progress Meetings for Parents.
Wednesday March 27th Coffee Morning for parents and carers Year 6 assessment information session 8:45am in person and 5:00pm online	Thursday March 28th Spring term ends - school finishes at 1:45pm. (No clubs or after school care)

Writing

In writing this term all of our chosen texts are based around the idea of identity. We will be exploring a diverse range of hairstyles and using adjectives to describe. Children will follow the cycle of using the past tense to write a recount as well as developing narrative skills by retelling a story.

RE

Our new religion this term is Judaism. They will be learning about the religion through exploration of artefacts, class discussions and stories. Children will learn about Jewish celebrations and beliefs.

Computing

In computing we will use technology to create art for illustrations.

PE days

*PE this term is swimming on Thursdays.
Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct PE uniform.*

Reading

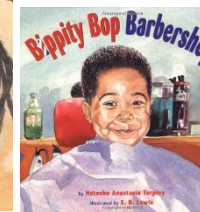
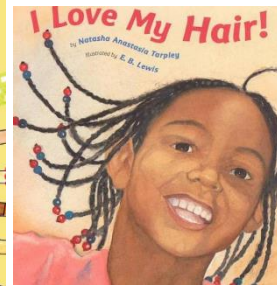
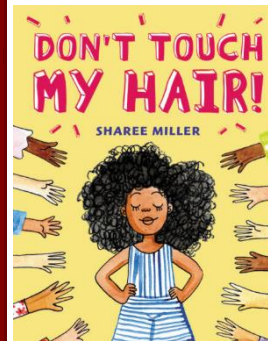
We will continue in our phonics groups, practising our skills such as segmenting and blending to read words. We will be reading a range of texts and answering comprehension questions about the book.



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*This half term in
Year 1 we are
thinking, learning
and remembering...*

Our class readers this half term are...



Maths

In maths this term we will be focusing on additive structures. We will be using aggregation to make a whole and learning that the addition symbol, +, can be used to represent aggregation. We will be learning about the equals symbol, =, and how it is used to show the equivalence between the whole amount and the sum of the parts.

History / Geography

With 'Welcome to the barber shop' being our stimulus for learning this term, in history children will explore the idea of chronology through looking at afro hairstyles and how fashion has changed over time. We will learn the origin of the afro comb and study ancient Egyptians.

Science

Our science focus this term is materials. Children will be shown a range of materials and they will identify its purpose. We will conduct experiments that will test whether materials are waterproof, absorbent and strong. We will then use our findings to design and create a comb.